

The Buzz

12th March, 2021



Brighstone C.E.
Primary School

Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,



This week we have welcomed back the whole school community after the period of partial school closures and it has been fantastic to see everyone back in school. Children have really enjoyed seeing their friends and the school staff again, and they have settled back in extremely well. The main focus for us this week, alongside the usual lessons, has been wellbeing, social skills, speaking and listening, as well as getting to know the routines and structures again. The children have shown huge amounts of resilience during the past few months, and this will take them far in life. What heroes they are!

The world is full of everyday heroes. We have doctors, nurses, police officers, vets, education staff, firefighters and many more. Children are heroes. Parents and grandparents are heroes. Everyone is a hero in their own way, which is what we have been exploring today as part of our special World Book Day. It has been a delight to see everyone in their wonderful costumes depicting heroic characters, both fictional and real. We have Harry Potter, Hermione Granger, Ginny Weasley, Einstein, someone's grandad, children's mums, Belle, Superworm, Supertato, the Paperbag Princess, vets, doctors, nurses, and many more. We have explored heroic values such as collaboration, loyalty, kindness, resilience and honesty. Thank you to the BSA who organised and paid for virtual visits to each class from Enchanted Isle, who read and talked about stories of everyday heroes, and thank you to everyone for making today special.



Reading is a pleasure and a joy, and takes you to wonderful places. When children enjoy reading, the world opens up to them. A little bit of reading every day can make a huge difference, and Stephen Fry has a perfect little tip to help further develop your child's reading which won't take any extra time in a busy day. Watch the short video clip in the link below to find out!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-zISnJ-oao>



In school, we plan for 'reading to the children', 'reading by the children' and 'reading with the children' – all are of equal value with their many benefits. As parents and carers, this is something that you can also do at home. Sharing a book with your child can have huge benefits. It is fun! It helps them to explore new vocabulary, experiences and feelings. It is a time for closeness, laughing and talking together – and it can also give children a flying start in life and help them become lifelong readers. Here are some useful tips for encouraging your child to enjoy books: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

I wish you all a wonderful weekend, and look forward to seeing you again on Monday morning.

With best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team

Forgiveness

This week's Collective Worship focus is: 'Forgiving others as God has forgiven you'.

We are thinking how God will forgive anything that we have said or done that we are ashamed about and sorry for, but in return we should be ready to forgive others.

A Forgiveness Prayer

Lord Jesus,
Help us to be ready to show forgiveness to others,
As you are ready to show forgiveness to us.
Amen



"Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others."

Think about a time that you have asked for forgiveness.
Write a teaspoon (TSP) prayer.

School Dinners

Children in **Year R, 1 and 2** are entitled to a 'universal' **free** school meal everyday.

Children in years 3-6 are charged at £2.15 per day.

W/c 1st	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pizza	Sausages	Roast Chicken	Pasta Bolognaise	Fishfingers
Option 2	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
Dessert	Shortbread	Crumble	Ice Cream	Fruit Sponge	Cookie

Poetry Corner

Open a book
 And you will find
 People and places of every kind;
 Open a book
 And you can be
 Anything that you want to be;
 Open a book
 And you can share
 Wondrous worlds you find in there;
 Open a book
 And I will too
 You read to me
 And I'll read to you.

Jane Baskwill



Golden Awards

Ainslie	Georgia, Kendall, Charlie, Meadow - great attitude and enthusiasm with their letters.
Lambert	Allina, Reuben, Annaleigha, Ila, Freddie H - great team work. Flo - being a super supportive learning partner. Freddie H - for trying hard with handwriting and great focus in class.
Robertson	Charlie - kind and helpful behaviour. Camilla - good maths reasoning.
Macarthur	Dominic - helping his class mates with ICT. Jessica - very good attitude toward learning.
Clover	Arianwen - thoughtful inclusion of others.
Sports Bee	Ellie-Mae for always showing fantastic effort, and getting great scores in our Virtual Dodgeball competition

The last day of this half-term is
Friday 26th March

The first day of next half-term is
Monday 12th April



Doodle Maths



Well done to **Macarthur class** who are the top Doodlers this week!

SEMH

Social, Emotional & Mental Health

Wellbeing Window

Did you manage to tick off any self care last week?

This week's task is:



Be kind to yourself
Be kind to others - it makes you feel good too!

If you or someone you know may need help, please reach out. There are lots of services available to help when it is needed!



IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!



RED NOSE DAY

What's your secret superpower? On **Friday 19th March** we will be celebrating Red Nose Day. The theme for this day is Superpowers! In return for a donation, children are invited to come dressed up as a superhero; this could be a well-known superhero or one they have made up. Bring out your inner 'Helps-Everyone Girl' or 'Resilience Boy', 'Mr Amazing' or 'Super Giggles Girl'. Throughout the day, the children will be creating their own superhero names and taking part in a range of activities around superpowers (class, bubble, or individual), such as the values of collaboration, courage, resilience and kindness, or practical superpowers such as epic dance moves, hilarious hopping or brilliant balancing!



Years 5 and 6

SWAY (South Wight Area Youth) have been running cooking sessions on zoom over the winter lockdown. Once a fortnight, on Thursday afternoons, one of SWAY's team will deliver a box of ingredients to a young person/family's door with a recipe. The next evening they cook together with one of Sway's team demonstrating. You can view the photos of our sessions on <https://www.instagram.com/southwightyouth> and see one of our young people win a prize for his cooking.



Next Wednesday - 17th March Sway will be cooking chicken fajitas (with a vegetarian option) between 4-5pm. Only 20 spaces available so **get your reply slips in fast!**

If you sign up, a box of ingredients will arrive at school on that day with your name on, ready for you to cook at home with your family on zoom at 4 pm.

A zoom link will be sent out for you to join that session.
Letters coming home today!

After school sports clubs 2.45-3.45pm

Bubble 1 (R,1,2)	Multi skills Mondays 15 th & 22 nd	Football skills Thursdays 18 th & 25 th
Bubble 2 (3&4)	Ball sports Tuesdays 16 th & 23 rd	Football skills Wednesdays 17 th & 24 th
Bubble 3 (5&6)	Football Skills Fridays 12 th , 19 th & 26 th	

Reminders

- ⇒ The **school gates** will be open between 8.15-8.25am and from 2.40pm. Our school day starts at **8.25am** - children should be in their classrooms ready to learn by this time
- ⇒ Children should bring in their **PE kits** on a Monday and take it home on Friday
- ⇒ Children can bring in **water** in reusable water bottles and fruit for **snack** time. Food containing **nuts are not permitted** in school due to children with severe allergies
- ⇒ If your **child is unable to attend school**, you must let the office know by 8.40am. A note or email must be provided on their return to school so that the absence can be authorised office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk

Lateness

Children must attend on time to be given a present mark for the session. Poor punctuality is not acceptable. If your child is late she/he can miss the teacher's introduction to the lessons and may also feel embarrassed having to enter the classroom late.

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals to days worth of learning lost in a year	Which means this number of lessons missed
5 Minutes	3.4	20
10 Minutes	6.9	40
15 Minutes	10.3	60
20 Minutes	13.8	80
30 Minutes	20.7	100

Persistent lateness can add up to considerable amounts of learning lost and can be a serious disadvantage to your child.

How we manage lateness:

We open our gates from 8:15am to enable all children to be in class ready for the start of the school day at 8.25am. As soon as they come into school, they participate in reading and other activities. It is very important to attend school on time every day; this gives children the best start to their day.

If a child enters the classroom after 8:25am they will be deemed as late, receiving a late mark.

If your child arrives late, parents must report to the school office to sign the child in and give a reason for the lateness. You should not be sending your child in on their own if they are late. It is not fair on the children to explain why they are late. It is parents/carers responsibility to get them to school on time.

We do recognise that there may be a rare occasion when your child is late due to unforeseen circumstances and we are sympathetic of this.

Persistent lateness:

When a child has been identified as having persistent lateness, we will inform parents/carers of our concerns. In the first instance this will be an informal chat with the family liaison officer and/or a letter/email. We will then monitor lateness, hoping to see an improvement.

If this continues to cause concern we will then request a formal meeting with the Headteacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. The purpose of the meeting will be to address and resolve issues that are impacting on the child's lateness.

Persistent lateness due to oversleeping, traffic etc is not acceptable. Good sleep routines and early morning traffic is unfortunately something you must take into account. Please be aware that parents/carers can approach us at any time if they are having problems getting their child into school on time. However, as a parent it is your legal responsibility to ensure your child gets to school on time.

